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Dear Stew:-

I have just been to a meeting at the First Church at which Dr. Stuart handed in his resignation. We have made him Pastor Emeritus but it is very doubtful indeed if he will ever again be well enough to do very much preaching. A committee of 5 members has been appointed to select a man to fill the vacancy. Dr. Swartz, the former assistant, automatically becomes Pastor but he has not a strong enough backing in the congregation to make him permanent.

You may be sure that I am "boring all the pipes" I can for you and I can assure you your name will be considered. I know all the members of the committee well and I know they will give you very serious consideration. I believe our chances of success will be better if we do not push things and let them look around pretty well before proposing your name. I have already lined up an unofficial committee who will run up some Sunday

and pay you a visit, so dig out one of your best sermons and get it all polished up. I will let you know when we are coming so you can be well prepared.

I do not dare let myself even hope that you can come here, but it would be simply great if you could.

I wanted to write you these few lines to let you know what has happened and to tell you that we are all kneeling like Hell.

Margaret joins me in sending love to Anna and yourself.

Affectionally yours

Dick